



IN THE UNITED STATES
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Cart, John Steven SERIAL NO: 09/870,871
FILING DATE: May 31, 2001 GROUP ART UNIT: 1712
TITLE: Composition of Drilling Fluids EXAMINER: Tucker, Phillip C.
Comprising Ground Elastomeric Crumb ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: 15564-1
Rubber Material and a Method of Decreasing
Seepage and Whole Mud Loss Using Such
Composition

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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

1. This is a petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for an extension of time to respond to

☒ [X] the Office Action dated December 4, 2003.

☐ [] other

2. Applicant is

☐ [] a large entity.

☒ [X] a small entity. This status is still proper and its benefit under 37 C.F.R. 1.28(a) is hereby claimed.

3. Extension requested

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

(a) ☒ [X] Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) (fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d)) for the total number of months checked below:

| Extension (months) | Fee for other than small entity | Fee- small entity |
|--|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> [] one month | \$ 110.00 | \$ 55.00 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> [X] two months | \$ 420.00 | \$ 210.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> [] three months | \$ 950.00 | \$ 475.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> [] four months | \$1,480.00 | \$ 740.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> [] five months | \$2,010.00 | \$1,005.00 |

Fee: \$210.00

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If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

☐ An extension for _____ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$ _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ 210.00

OR

(b) ☐ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

4. Fee Payment


☒ Attached is a check in the sum of \$210.00.

☐ Charge Account No. _____ the sum of \$ _____.

5. Fee Deficiency

☒ If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No. 11-0245.

Dated: April 15, 2004



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